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SUBJECT: GDR RESPONSE TO US CULTURAL PLAN: FILMS

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1. USIA: IMV HAS LOOKED INTO QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARAGRAPHS "C" AND "D" OF REFTEL REGARDING FILM SHOWINGS AND HAS LEARNED THE FOLLOWING.
2. 7TH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS FILM FESTIVAL (JUNE 22-28): PROGRAM COORDINATOR LOIS FISHMAN HAS ADVISED IMV THAT FESTIVAL ORGANIZAERS WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE GDR ORGANIZATIONS SUBMIT DIRECTLY ANY FILMS "FOR CHILDREN" THEY WOULD WISH HAVE CONSIDERED FOR FESTIVAL ENTRY. FISHMAN SPECIFIED SUCH FILMS MUST BE RECEIVED LOS ANGELES NOT LATER THAN MAY 22,
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1977, AND SHOULD BE SENT BY INTERNATIONAL PARCEL POST OR BY OFFICIAL GDR CHANNELS, AS FOLLOWS: THE AMERICAN CENTER OF FILMS FOR CHILDREN, WEHBI/HARMETZ FILM DISTRIBUTION LIBRARY, DIVISION OF CINEMA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY PARK, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90007, U.S.A. NO ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED, NOR IS ANY ENTRY FEE CHARGED. FILM MUST

INCLUDE NAME OF SUBMITTING ORGANIZATION AND COMPLETE RETURN ADDRESS.

3. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO KNOW THAT ORGANIZERS OF THE BALTIMORE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL AND BALTIMORE ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY ANNUALLY COSPONSOR INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FILMS "FOR AND BY CHILDREN." IMV PLEASED PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS THIS EVENT, AS WELL CALENDAR OF SOME 40-50 FILM AND TELEVISION EVENTS HELD ANNUALLY IN U.S., IF DESIRED.

4. FILM FESTIVALS IN THE GDR: AGENCY (IMV/C) FREQUENTLY RECEIVES DIRECTLY FROM FOREIGN FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS OR VIA OFFICIAL CHANNELS (THEIRS OR OURS) ANNOUNCEMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL FILM AND TELEVISION EVENTS HELD ABROAD. UNLESS SUCH INVITATIONS CALL FOR THE ACCREDITATION TO THE EVENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF AN OFFICIAL UNITED STATES DELEGATION, THE AGENCY CUSTOMARILY FACILITATES THE HANDLING OF SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS BY REFERRING THEM TO APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL U.S. INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE MOTION PICUTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MPAA), THE COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL NONTHEATRICAL EVENTS (CINE), ETC. SUCH REFERRAL DOES NOT ASSURE PARTICIPATION BY PRIVATE PRODUCERS, BUT THESE ORGANIZATIONS GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO RECOMMENDATIONS RESPECTING U.S. PARTICIPATION RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN MISSION AND THE AGENCY. THE MPAA, AS AN ORGANIZATION HOLDS TO A POLICY OF REFERRING SUCH INFORMATION ABOUT FILM EVENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MANAGERS OF ITS MEMBER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPANIES, AND DOES NOT AS AN ASSOCIATION DIRECTLY ARRANGE PARTICIPATION IN ANY FESTIVAL. THEY SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE THE STAFF RESOURCES TO UNDERTAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS. WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL FILM EVENTS HELD IN THE US, THESE USUALLY ARE UNDER PRIVATE OR MUNICIPAL SPONSORSHIP, AND NOT DIRECTLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF ANY DEPARTMENT OF AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HENCE NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE NOR ANY OTHER AGENCY HAS ANY BASIS UPON WHICH OFFICIALLY TO INVITE OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE FILM AND TELEVISION EVENTS. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS ARE CUSTOMARILY HANDLED DIRECTLY BY THE ORGANIZERS OF SUCH FESTIVALS AND THE PRODUCTION OR DISTRIBUTIONS ORGANIZATIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. IN CONNECTION WITH THESE ARRANGEMENTS THE AGENCY IS PLEASED

APPROPRIATE FACILITATIVE CAPACITY (NOT INCLUDING THE USE OF THE U.S. DIPLOMATIC POUCH - EXCEPT UNDER SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES) TO ASSIST THE U.S. SPONSORS AND FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS. THE ORGANIZERS OF THE MAJOR AMERICAN EVENTS

(SAN FRANCISCO FILM FESTIVAL, NEW YORK FILM FESTIVAL, THE ACADEMY AWARDS., ETC., ETC.) ARE THOROUGHLY EXPERIENCED IN INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AFFECTING THEIR EVENTS AND

THE INTERESTS OF MOST FOREIGN FILM OR TELEVISION ORGANIZATIONS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH U.S. EVENTS ARE BEST SERVED BY BRINGING THEM INTO DIRECT CONTACT WITH ONE ANOTHER. IMV IS PREPARED TO FACILITATE SUCH CONTACTS AT THE REQUEST OF ANY U.S. EMBASSY AT ANY TIME.
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